



Maricopa County

Air Quality Department

Return all applications to: **One Stop Shop**

501 N. 44th Street, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85008

Phone (602) 372-1071 Fax (602) 372-1078

Inspector: _____

BSI #: _____

BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME _____ DATE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

TYPE OF PERMIT REQUESTED (CHECK ONLY ONE)

- ☐ ANNUAL DITCH BANK/FENCE ROW _____ LINEAR FEET*
- ☐ LAND CLEARANCE _____ ACRES OR _____ # OF PILES
- ☐ FIRE FIGHTING/HAZARD TRAINING _____ ACRES
- ☐ FIRE FIGHTING/STRUCTURES _____ # OF STRUCTURES
- ☐ TUMBLEWEEDS _____ # OF PILES
- ☐ DISEASED TREES _____ # OF TREES ATTACH WRITTEN APPROVAL
- ☐ AIR CURTAIN DESTRUCTOR _____ # OF TREES (SEE OPEN BURN GUIDANCE)
- ☐ PEST PREVENTION _____ # OF ACRES

FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BURN SITE LOCATION #1 _____

BURN SITE LOCATION #2 _____

*Location should be given as
cross streets, townships/range/section, latitude and longitude to the nearest degree minute,
street address, or parcel number.*

BY THE SIGNATURE BELOW, THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT HE HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY TO START AND MAINTAIN AN OPEN FIRE AT THIS LOCATION. KNOWINGLY PRESENTING A FALSE CERTIFICATION CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER ARS § 13-2704

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LIABILITY

PERMITTEE ACCEPTS THIS PERMIT SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OUTLINED HEREIN; THIS PERMIT WILL NOT RELIEVE THE PERMITTEE FROM COMPLYING WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS;

PRINT NAME & TITLE _____ DATE _____

PERMITTEE'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL _____ DATE _____

PERMIT APPROVAL _____ DATE _____

SITE LOCATION _____ DISTRICT _____

* 1 linear mile = 5280 linear feet; Applicant must calculate and report the total linear feet of ditch banks or fence rows of the burn site location(s) that are being requested for permit.

** Applicant must have local fire department signature on approved burn permit application before submittal.



OPEN BURN GUIDANCE **& EMISSION REDUCTION TECHNIQUES**

Application Directions

- ☐ Application must be completely filled out.
- ☐ A separate application is required for each burn site location not contiguous to the location on the original application.
- ☐ An inspection of the site may be required prior to approval of this application.
- ☐ Permittee shall notify local Fire Department and Air Quality Department prior to burning.
- ☐ Burning is not allowed during any air quality advisory.

General Burn Directions

- ❖ Burn prior to anticipated precipitation to reduce smoke generation.
- ❖ Minimize the amount of material to be burned.
- ❖ All trash (including construction debris) shall be removed from the burn area.
- ❖ Extinguish all smoldering burns.
- ❖ All materials **MUST** be fully extinguished by sunset.
- ❖ Prevent fire from spreading by lining the area where an open burn is conducted, clearing the area of flammables, (weeds, wood, etc.) or applying fire retardant foam or water where necessary.

Ditch Bank / Fence Rows

- ❖ A high temperature mechanical burner is required for burning ditch banks, canal laterals, and fence rows.
- ❖ Burning of ditch bank/fence rows is not allowed from November through February during a high pollution advisory.
- ❖ Operating hours are restricted in the permit conditions for the rest of the year. (See R314 § 302.4b)

Land Clearance

- ❖ Burning will be limited to indigenous small trees and brush (natural scrub vegetation).
- ❖ Trees and limbs should not exceed 6 inches in diameter. An air curtain destructor will be used for the burning of vegetative material greater than 6 inches in diameter.
- ❖ Piles of materials will not exceed 15 ft. in diameter nor 5 ft. in height.
- ❖ Minimize soil content by constructing piles under dry soil conditions or using hand piling method.
- ❖ Material should be cut and dried prior to burning.
- ❖ Burn in the opposite direction of the wind when grass is burned.
- ❖ An on-site inspection by AQ Department will be made before final approval to determine removal of all other materials, such as lumber, rubber, metal, etc....

Tumbleweeds

- ❖ Tumbleweeds must be cut, dried and piled before burning.
- ❖ Piles will not exceed 15 feet in diameter nor 5 feet in height.
- ❖ Where drying is not feasible, a high temperature mechanical burner may be used to burn tumbleweeds.
- ❖ High temperature mechanical burners are required for burning tumbleweeds growing along canal laterals and fence rows.

Diseased Trees/Vegetation

- ❖ Permission to burn diseased trees or vegetation containing pests can only be granted with written approval of the County Agricultural Extension Agent or the State Entomologist attached to Burn Application at submittal.

Fire Category	Permit Period	Fee
Tumbleweeds	30 days	\$100.00
Fire Hazard	30 days	\$100.00
Fire Fighting Instruction	1 Year	\$100.00
Fire Fighting Instruction, Structures	30 days	\$100.00
Ditch Bank/Fence Row (per location)	1 Year	\$100.00
Disease/Pest Prevention	30 days	\$100.00
Land Clearance	30 days	
Less than 5.0 acres		\$150.00
5.0 acres or greater		\$350.00
Air Curtain Destructor	30 days	\$350.00



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Presumptive Permission to Burn

- ☐ You may presume to have permission to burn if you follow the process below.
- ☐ Call 602-506-6400 to determine if a High Pollution Advisory (HPA) or Director determined no-burn day has been declared. If a HPA or Director determined no-burn day has been declared you may not burn on that day.
- ☐ Call your local fire department or dispatch center and notify them of your intent to burn. If they do not give permission to burn, you may not burn on that day.
- ☐ Notify the Air Quality Department by phone (602)506-6730, fax (602)506-0586, or e-mail to Gmills@mail.maricopa.gov with the following information:

Name _____

Permit number _____

Phone number _____

Date of Burn _____

Type and quantity of fuel (e.g., "scrub vegetation, 0.5 acres", "tumbleweeds, 1.5 piles")

Fire Type (e.g., ditchbank/fence rows, land clearance, etc.)

Cross Streets _____

Legal location:
township, range, section _____

or
address _____

or
parcel number _____

or
latitude & longitude to the nearest degree minute _____

or
cross streets _____